



2017 OTAC Spring  
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***Thank You to Our Presenters***

OTAC expresses its sincere appreciation to the 2017 Spring Symposium presenters for sharing their knowledge with our Symposium attendees and for taking time away from their professional careers and personal lives to prepare for, travel to, and present at Spring Symposium. Their dedication to serving OTAC's mission to provide quality, timely, and cost effective professional development and by supporting OTAC through their personal membership is highly commendable. ***Please thank our presenters.***

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**Amy Ahn, OTS**, is a graduate student in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy at Stanbridge University. She received her Bachelor of Science in child adolescent development with an emphasis in early childhood education and a minor in human services at California State University, Fullerton. She has over five years of clinical experience in providing behavioral therapy for children with autism. She is currently an officer for the Stanbridge Student Occupational Therapy Association and actively participates in various volunteering events. Ahn's clinical interest is outpatient rehabilitation for the pediatric and mental health population.

***Session 52 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm***



**Ivan Altamura, JD**, served as chief of staff to two Assembly republican leaders in the California Legislature for nearly a decade. His extensive public policy and political experience enables Altamura to expertly navigate clients through the legislative and regulatory process on a wide spectrum of issues. Altamura is currently a lobbyist with Capitol Advocacy and advocates for OTAC in collaboration with Capitol Advocacy lobbyist, Jennifer Snyder

***Session 22 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm – 3:00pm***



**Angie Baker, PhD, OTD, MA, OTR/L, CTRS**, is an occupational therapy practitioner, thesis coordinator, IRB chair, and faculty member of the Master of Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California. Baker initiated her healthcare career in 1994 upon graduation from Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia with a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation and minors in art and women's studies. She continued her studies at the University of Southern California, Universal University, and Rocky Mountain University earning degrees in occupational therapy and natural health sciences. Baker has practiced occupational therapy in a variety of settings including school-based pediatrics, home health, acute rehabilitation, psychiatric rehabilitation, geriatric psychiatric care, adaptive yoga, and international program development.

***Session 10 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am***

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**Lee-Anne Bloom, MS, OTR/L**, is a California Bay Area native with a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University, and a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and minor in sociology from San Francisco State. During her time in pediatric medical clinics and school-based occupational therapy, Bloom gained experience with a wide range of diagnosis, including neurological disorders, orthopedic impairments, and learning disabilities. Additionally, she has expertise in treating children with autistic spectrum disorders. Her creativity and energy lead her to approach treatment as an opportunity to engage in an interdisciplinary approach to play-based therapy. Most importantly, Bloom makes therapy fun while building on the child's skills and supporting family needs. She has many tricks up her sleeve for addressing a wide range of goals, including: neuro-developmental, sensory integration, visual-motor integration, The Zones of Regulation, DIRFloortime<sup>®</sup>, pediatric feeding and assessment, Social Thinking<sup>®</sup>, Handwriting Without Tears, and motivating fine and gross motor activities.

*Session 31 – March 5, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am*



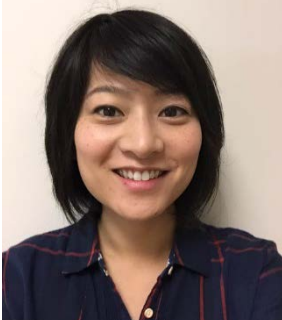
**Richard Bookwalter, MS, OTR/L, CBOT**, currently serves on the Board for the California Board of Occupational Therapy. He is also a past OTAC president.

*Session 29 – March 4, 2017 – 3:15pm - 4:45pm*



**Barbara Brewer, COTA/L**, has been practicing in the varied field of occupational therapy for 43 years. Practice areas have included inpatient psychiatry, skilled nursing, inpatient/outpatient rehab, home health, and community rehab-oriented exercise groups. She has also been involved in videotaping for internet driven home exercise programs through Flintfit.com. Brewer also has specialty training in cancer rehab and Myofascial Release. She has developed an easy form of Tai Chi that can be incorporated while either seated or standing, and is designed for many patient groups with a focus on balance training and core strengthening. It has been used successfully for 10 years in neuro rehab and during Myofascial Release retreats.

*Activities A and D – March 4-5, 2017 – 7:45am-8:30am*



**Stephanie Chi, MOTS**, is a graduate student at USC's Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She is the 2016-2017 occupational therapy co-chair for USC's Interdisciplinary Student Run Clinic and has clinical practice in developing occupational therapy services in 'health care for homeless' primary care clinics.

*Session 62 – March 5, 2017 – 2:45pm - 4:45pm*



**Nathan Chiangi, OTS**

*Session 20 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 3:00pm*



**Meagan Clark, MA, CPO**, graduated from California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) Orthotics and Prosthetic Certificate Programs in 2009. She completed her residency in prosthetics at Hanger in Portland, Oregon. Her orthotic residency was completed at Fountain Orthotics and Prosthetics where she continued as a clinician and accepted the position of assistant director of clinical education in the el-MSOP program at Loma Linda University in 2012. She holds a Master of Arts in addiction counseling from the University of South Dakota and is currently completing her Doctorate in Education at George Fox University. She began teaching at CSUDH in fall 2014 and was hired as full-time faculty in summer 2015. Clark's areas of specialization include upper limb prosthetics and orthotics, spinal orthotics, and rehabilitation psychology.

*Session 9 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am*



**Kalin Coleman, BA, OTS**, is a graduate student at Stanbridge University studying occupational therapy. She previously attended California State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in human development. She is currently finishing up her first level II fieldwork rotation at a pediatric clinic and non-public school in Irvine, California. When she graduates, her goal is to work in pediatrics.

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**Laura Cox, OTS**, is a second year graduate student in the Master of Arts in occupational therapy program at the University of Southern California (USC). She earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Her studies and research involvement at USC have been directed towards identifying the needs of young adults with chronic conditions and how lifestyle interventions can help to meet those needs. She has pursued an interest in academia through her roles as a classroom assistant for several graduate-level courses, such as neuroscience, kinesiology, and quantitative research. Cox will be pursuing her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at USC working as a resident in the primary clinics of Keck Medicine of USC as she hopes to advance occupational therapy's involvement in these settings in order to improve the quality of life of individuals across the lifespan.

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**Jennifer Crandall, OTD, OTR/L (AZ), CBIS**, has worked for over 20 years throughout the continuum of care, primarily with neurological trauma, always with an eye toward cultural inclusion and celebration of diverse approaches to life. Her professional and volunteer experiences in places such as Afghanistan, Turkey, and Cuba have broadened her understanding of the world and grown her interest in promoting outside-the-box thinking about occupational therapy. With over five years of volunteer experience working directly with refugees, she is convinced that occupational therapy can provide a much-needed service with this population. To this end she founded Tapestry, an organization that is partnering with other service providers to include occupational therapy. Her aim is to empower individuals and communities in pursuit of occupational justice.

*Session 64 – March 5, 2017 – 2:45pm - 4:45pm*

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**Ashleigh Dark, BA, MOTS**, has a bachelor's in anthropology and is currently pursuing a master's in occupational therapy at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California. Dark has worked for multiple community mental health programs and is dedicated to working with adults with severe and persistent mental illness. She also has experience in dementia related-care, home health, international women's advocacy, and conflict resolution.

*Session 11 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am*

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**Janis Davis, PhD, OTR/L**, program director of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California, has been an educator in occupational therapy for over 25 years. Her area of expertise is psychiatric rehabilitation in acute and community-based care. She has taught theory and therapeutic use of self and has mentored thesis students by including them in her research on a variety of topics in occupational therapy. Areas of research have included therapeutic listening, trauma in children, and transitioning to adulthood with autism spectrum disorder. Davis has lectured and engaged in research and presented nationally and internationally.

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**Abebe Damtew Debay** received his Bachelor of Arts in sociology and English language from Addis Ababa University. His expertise is in teaching income generating activities to refugees within refugee camps. He has experience teaching English language to elementary school students in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. His research focused on rural-urban migration into Kechene, Addis Ababa.

*Session 51 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm*



**Judy Delaware, OTR/L, CLIPP™**, has over 32 years of extensive experience with both geriatric and pediatric patients, both institutional and in homes. She has published many books, including Management of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Delaware is also a well-known feeding expert. She has taught many classes to other occupational therapy practitioners, including: Sensory Evaluation of the Geriatric Hand, Goniometric Evaluation of the Geriatric Hand, Pediatric Occupational Therapy in Home Health Care, How to Save Your Back and Avoid a Lawsuit, The Role of Occupational Therapy in Home Health Care, Arthritis: Evaluation and Treatment, Topics in Upper Extremity Management, OT/PT Management in the Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis Patient, and Occupational Therapy Services in Home Care.

*Session 25 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 4:45pm*



**Louie Delaware, BSME, MBA, ACPC, CAPS, CLIPP™**, is passionate about helping people make their homes as safe as possible with his 22 years in the field of advanced research and development for medical and analytical devices. He has been awarded many different patents and received the prestigious international R&D 100 award for Advanced Technologies. In 2004, he founded US Safety Pros, LLC, which specializes in childproofing, radon testing and mitigation, home accessibility and many other home safety services. Delaware is a sought after safety expert for TV news and radio programs, along with many

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newspapers (including USA Today®), where he is known as The Home Safety Guru®. He holds the following certifications: Certified Living in Place Professional™ (CLIPP), Certified Aging in Place Specialist® (CAPS), Advanced Certified Professional Childproofer® (ACPC). He also has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MBA from the University of Colorado-Denver.

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**Celso Delgado, Jr., OTD, OTR/L**, serves as an appointed faculty at the University of Southern California's (USC) University Center for Excellence in the field of developmental disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. His role has been to integrate and provide mental health occupational therapy services in the full service partnership (FSP) program, which is a model designed to benefit children and families experiencing significant emotional, psychological, or behavioral challenges that interfere with their well-being. He serves the East Los Angeles region, which is an area that has historically been saturated with Latino culture. Delgado is also a clinical instructor of the Mental Health Practice Immersion at USC's occupational therapy entry-level professional educational program. He currently serves on the OTAC Board of Directors as Region 2 Director.

**OTAC Town Hall Lunch – March 4, 2017 – 12:00pm – 1:15pm**

**Session 23 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 4:45pm**

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**Bryant Edwards, OTD, OTR/L, MPH, CEAS**, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in exercise science (1998); Master of Public Health (2001); Master of Arts, Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (2005); and a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (USC in 2006). His experience began as a behaviorist/health educator, lab instructor, and occupational therapy practitioner for an outpatient pediatric clinic and in a school setting; and is currently an occupational therapy manager at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Edward's clinical areas of interest are pediatrics and education/teaching. In 2015, he earned his Board Certification in Pediatrics through the American Occupational Therapy Association. Edwards serves the Occupational Therapy Association of California, where he has been the Board of Directors secretary since July 2013; co-chair, Professional Development & Leadership Committee (March 2010 – June 2013); co-chair, Annual Conference (October 2011); and co-chair, Annual Conference (October 2012).

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**Shari Emas, OTD, OTR/L**, is currently an instructor in the MSOT program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California where she teaches coursework in foundational occupational therapy and professional development. In addition, she is an advisor to students completing their theses. Emas received her occupational therapy degree from USC in 1985 and her post-professional doctorate in occupational therapy in 2015 from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah. She has practiced occupational therapy in the pediatric setting for over three decades and currently works in early intervention. In addition to her clinical and academic endeavors, she has taught community-based yoga classes for children with special needs. Emas' current research interests are in the lived experience of older adults and aging in place.

***Session 12 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am***

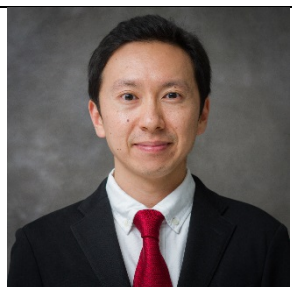
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**Shan-Pin Fanchiang, OTR/L PhD**, is the occupational therapy education coordinator at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. She chairs the Rancho Medical Consumer Health Information Program to integrate staff education and patient education while advocating for health literacy. She serves on the Committees for Patient Safety and Endocrinologists/Diabetes Workgroup at the Department of Health Services, County of Los Angeles. Her recent patient safety project is about preventing/managing hypoglycemia events by studying the impact of electronic health records implementation in hypoglycemia for hospitalized patients. She is interested in measuring what people do and the impact of learning in doing; she has designed a methodology, “Empowered to Act Consistently” (ETAC), to address knowledge translation and adherence by clinicians and patients. Her clinical work is in the area of occupational therapy self-management with a focus on wellness and lifestyle for people with chronic diseases, e.g. movement disorders, diabetes.

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**Ryotaro Fukuda, OTS**, is currently an occupational therapy student at Stanbridge University. He graduated from University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science in molecular biology. He is a student facilitator at Life College, working with young adults with intellectual disabilities to acquire the living, employment, and self-development skills required to be independent. He has volunteered and has had clinical fieldwork experience at an inpatient hospital, a skilled nursing facility, an outpatient orthopedic, a memory care facility, and a children's resource center.

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**Session 20 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 3:00pm**

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**Joanna Gob, OTS**, is currently a student in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California. She has a bachelor's in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. She was a research assistant at UC Berkeley's psychology department during her undergraduate career. Gob served as a volunteer occupational therapy aide at Hands on Hands Rehabilitation Center, Inc. in Huntington Beach, California. Additionally, she volunteered at Head to Toe in Santa Ana, California, an outpatient pediatrics clinic in early intervention. She observed and assisted in therapy sessions, where she examined the need for postural stability. Gob strives to explore the effectiveness of kinesio tape as a supplementary modality in her future practice and would like to implement kinesio tape methodology in the pediatrics setting.

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**Annette Hatala, OTD**, began her interest in horticulture therapy 20 years prior when volunteering at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. She was also introduced to occupational therapy and began her life long career path. After completing her studies at California State University Dominguez Hills in occupational therapy, she moved to working with at-risk teens incorporating horticulture and activity-based interventions. She has created therapeutic gardens in nursing homes where she has worked and has traveled to other settings to teach therapeutic gardening interventions to the rehabilitative staff. When completing her post professional doctorate at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions she returned to her roots and created the capstone project of *Horticulture Therapy Throughout the Lifespan*, a continuing education course. Hatala continues to enjoy volunteering at the Virginia patient garden and recently has orchestrated tours for occupational therapy assistant students to visit the garden and learn about the benefits of horticulture therapy.

**Session 17 – March 4, 2017 – 10:00am - 12:00pm**

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**Sherry Hite, MOT, OTR/L**, is the occupational therapy department supervisor at City of Hope National Medical Center, one of the leading National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the U.S. Her practice is focused exclusively on the oncology setting, and she is a frequent speaker on the crucial and expanding role of occupational therapy in oncology. Hite is involved in various research studies and manages doctoral-level research and quality improvement projects. She has presented at state and national levels on topics including cognitive impairments in oncology, comprehensive breast cancer rehabilitation, and delirium care in the ICU.

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**Session 16 – March 4, 2017 – 10:00am - 12:00pm**

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**Ada Boone Hoerl, MA, COTA/L**, is program director of the occupational therapy assistant program at Sacramento City College. She received her Bachelor of Science in newspaper production management from Rochester Institute of Technology, prior to entering occupational therapy. She received an Associate of Science in occupational therapy from Sacramento City College. Her Master of Arts is in special education from California State University, Sacramento, with an emphasis in adult learning disabilities. Her thesis project focused on the use of sensory modulation strategies with community college students who have learning and other disabilities. Hoerl participated in the 2008 AOTA/AOTF Academic Leadership Fellowship for program directors. She is active in a variety of state and national committees, and previously presented on leadership for OTAC.

**OTAC Town Hall Lunch – March 4, 2017 – 12:00pm - 1:15pm**

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**Bryan E. Hull, JD, MPH**, is a healthcare professional and attorney. His career has spanned the healthcare spectrum from administration in the VA system to hospital risk management and compliance at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. As manager for coding and payment policy at AOTA, he is in charge of all healthcare coding educational activities for AOTA's Policy Division and advocates for fair coding and reimbursement policies with CMS, private payers, and other third party payers. He earned his Bachelor in Science from Stony Brook University, Master of Public Health from Drexel University, and Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland.

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**Lynette Ingram, OTR/L, SWC, CLE**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner with 29 years of experience. She has worked for Los Angeles County California Children's Services (CCS) for most of her career. She has also worked in hospital and school-based settings. In addition, Ingram currently works part-time for Harbor Regional Center, providing occupational therapy services to children 0-3 years of age with Down Syndrome. She is the mother of 13 year old boy/girl twins and her daughter has Down Syndrome. She started adapting clothing for her daughter to improve her independence with dressing and toileting, as she learned how to sew in occupational therapy school many years ago. She has shared her techniques with some of the families she serves at CCS and has been encouraged by these families to share this information with others on a larger scale.

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**Praveen Injeti, MA, MFT, OT/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with a focus on mental health, working primarily with the adolescent population. His specialty is providing treatment for anxiety, self-esteem/self-worth challenges, and relationship struggles. While being a clinician, Praveen also enjoys his role as a faculty member for Loma Linda University occupational therapy department, where he heads up the mental health portion of the occupational therapy curriculum. He has a master's in marriage and family therapy, and is currently working on his Doctorate of Occupational Therapy.

*Session 30 – March 5, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am*



**Heather Javaherian-Dysinger, OTD, OTR/L**, is an associate professor and program director of the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at Loma Linda University. Her teaching emphasis involves research, program development, domestic violence, end of life care, and education. She is involved in initiatives including palliative care, wellness, domestic violence, and primary care. She is also a fieldwork educator. Javaherian is a co-founder of Roots Down, Inc., a non-profit that serves survivors of domestic violence. In 2014 she was the Honored Lecturer and recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the California Occupational Therapy Foundation.

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**Mo Johnson, MS, OT/L**, completed her Bachelors of Science in occupational therapy at San Jose State University in 1990 and her master's in occupational therapy at San Jose State University in 2001. As an occupational therapy practitioner, Johnson has worked at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center in Los Angeles, Peace Corps Paraguay for 2 ½ years, and Scripps Memorial Hospital in Encinitas, California. She currently teaches in the MOT and DPT programs at the University of St. Augustine for health science in San Diego, California, and she is actively pursuing her PhD in education.

*Session 60 – March 5, 2017 – 2:45pm - 4:45pm*



**Rayya Jones** is a stay-at-home mother of an eight year old daughter with Spastic Right Hemiplegic, Cerebral Palsy. Jones is a parent guest speaker, who shares the self-care challenges faced by her daughter and her concerns as a parent. A major concern with dressing is putting on pants with zippers and buttons. Pants are made with zippers for right handed people, making it more difficult for children and adults who are left hand dominant to manage their clothing independently. In the past, she has had the fly and button of larger pants professionally sewn closed to improve the ease for her daughter with dressing and toileting.

This can be expensive and does not improve independence with fasteners. She shares her experience with a method that is easier, more economical and fosters independence for her daughter.

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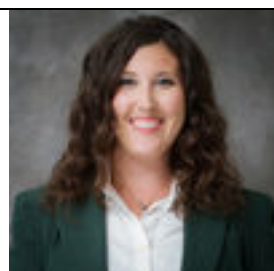
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**Katie Jordan, OTD, OTR/L**, has spanned the healthcare system spectrum from prevention to hospice and from clinician to administrator. As the director of the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, she utilized her skills as a Lifestyle Redesign® specialist with clients. Jordan served as the lead therapist at a long-term acute care hospital, delivering acute rehabilitation and hospice care, and managing rehabilitation services on all units from a multidisciplinary approach. Currently, as the associate chair of occupational therapy clinical service in the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and as the director of occupational therapy and speech therapy at Keck Hospital of USC and USC Norris Cancer Hospital, Jordan draws upon her leadership experiences to integrate, support, and expand access to clinical services in the USC health system and beyond.

***Session 56 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 4:45pm***

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**Chelsea Kaplan, MOTS**, graduated from the California State University of Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and is currently pursuing a MSOT degree in occupational therapy. In addition to pursuing a master's, she works for a health insurance company providing care through prescribed exercise prescriptions to individuals with chronic conditions.

***Session 54 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm***

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**Heather J. Kitching, OTD, OTR/L**, practices as an independent contractor in home health care in the Los Angeles area. She is also a member of the fieldwork coordination team at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has more than 24 years of experience in acute rehabilitation and, more recently, acute medical-surgical care. Kitching completed her clinical doctorate degree at the University of Southern California and has experience both in clinical teaching as well as classroom instruction. She has held many elected and appointed positions within the Occupational Therapy Association of California and is currently president of the Association.

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**Stephanie Kokesh, OTD, OTR/L, CSRS**

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**Donnamarie Krause, MS, OTR/L**, has been a licensed occupational therapy practitioner for 25 years, first in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, and then relocating to California to complete a doctorate in rehabilitation science at Loma Linda University. Krause is currently a faculty instructor in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program and occupational therapy assistant program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California. She has 17 years' experience with burn injury, and is an experienced therapist in hand injuries, neurological impairments, and orthopedic diagnosis. She has worked in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings, including a metropolitan hospital serving many cultural enclaves, refugee, and immigrant populations. Krause seeks effective methodologies and interventions, in the field of occupational therapy, which appeal to a broad variety of needs, populations, and diagnosis.

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**Taejun "TJ" Lee, COTA/L**, is a tech aficionado. A C4 - C5 incomplete spinal cord injury left him partially paralyzed in his late teens. This led him to embrace technology to assist in his recovery. The support and guidance he received throughout his recovery is what projected Lee toward the field of occupational therapy. With the firsthand knowledge and background in occupational therapy, he has implemented the use of accessible apps, technology, and resources to better his life and others.

*Session 19 – March 4, 2017 – 10:00am - 12:00pm*



**Erik Listou, CLIPP™, CAPS, CAASH, CGR, CGP, CR, LDST**, is recognized by the housing industry with seven national certifications and project and leadership awards. He blends almost five decades as a building professional with a focus on bringing awareness of home safety issues to the industry and consumers. He has published countless articles and produced/hosted his own talk radio and TV shows. With his colleague, Louie Delaware, they have pioneered education and standardized assessments for home accessibility and safety.

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Active in several trade associations, Listou holds the following certifications and accomplishments: Certified Living in Place Professional™ (CLIPP), Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), Certified Active Adult Specialist in Housing (CAASH), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR), Certified Green Professional (CGP), Certified Remodeler (CR), Lead Dust Sampling Technician (LDST), Subject-Matter Expert for Carpentry Standards, Subject-Matter Expert for Project Management and NAHB Educational Licensee.

***Session 25 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 4:45pm***

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**Lori Max, MA, OTR/L**, attended the University of Southern California where she received her Master of Arts in occupational therapy in 1994. Max has worked at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for 22 years as an occupational therapy practitioner. She started her career working in acute rehab specializing in the brain injury unit. For the past 16 years, she has worked in the acute care setting, with different specialty populations. Max also has experience in the orthopedic, stroke, medical, and oncology units of Cedars-Sinai. What drives her is her passion focusing on occupation and client centered cognitive treatment interventions for her clients with neurological disorders.

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**Sabrina McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP, RAC-CT**, earned a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy and a Master in Business Administration-Strategic Leadership from Dominican University of California. She is currently employed as a director of clinical operations/clinical performance specialist with RehabCare and is responsible for therapist mentoring, training, program development, continuing education development, quality assurance, and regulatory support for 200 SNF/IL/AL facilities/rehab contracts in California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Indiana and New Mexico. She has been a guest faculty speaker at occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant programs and has presented at state, national, and international conferences. She obtained her CarFit Instructor Certification in 2013 and has been a leader for CarFit Technician Trainings, CarFit Event Coordinator Trainings as well as CarFit events. In 2015 she obtained her Certified Living in Place Certification and is a member of the Living in Place Advisory Panel. She is currently chair of the OTAC Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee.

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**Erin McIntyre, OTD, OTR/L**, is the assistant director of admissions and assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy for the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She completed her undergraduate, master, and clinical doctorate degrees in occupational therapy at USC. She has focused her clinical practice on providing occupational therapy services in a variety of acute and community-based adult mental health settings, particularly in diverse and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

McIntyre spent six years working as a mental health occupational therapy practitioner in London, United Kingdom. During her time in London she also served as a clinical program manager for a supported living service in the community for adults with mental health conditions and autism. She conducted research examining the contribution of occupational therapists to those living with hoarding disorders during her time in London and considers this a key area of interest.

*Session 32 – March 5, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am*



**Kelly McNamara, OTR/L**, works at Dominican Hospital in acute rehabilitation with a primarily neurologically involved population. She is currently in the process of obtaining a specialty certificate through UC Berkeley in trauma informed care. McNamara is an active participant in the therapist advancement program which includes providing JCAHO low volume/high risk training for fellow staff, physician collaborations, and community engagement.

*Session 13 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 12:00pm*



**Denise M. Miller, MBA, OT/L**, has over 20 years' experience in occupational therapy practice, consultation, education, and program and business development. She maintains a full-time director position at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Glendale, California, where she designed, developed, researched and implemented the Live Well (55+) Senior Program. Miller was appointed in 2013 and re-appointed in 2015 by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Board of Occupational Therapy where she is the president. Miller was also appointed by County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to serve on the Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force. From 2011-2016, she was a city-council appointee of the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women, where she chaired the commission for three years. She was the Region 5 Director of the American Occupational Therapy Association Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) for two terms. She is an active member of the California (OTAC) and the American Occupational Therapy (AOTA)

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associations and has served in a variety of leadership roles in both associations. She has spent the last 14 years effectively lecturing and advocating for occupational therapy in the areas of outpatient therapy, occupational medicine, and now senior wellness. Currently, at Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah, she teaches an online doctoral (OTD) course about the context of advocacy, ethics, and the legal issues in occupational therapy practice. Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota and a Master in Business Administration from La Sierra University in Riverside, California.

***Session 29 – March 4, 2017 – 3:15pm - 4:45pm***

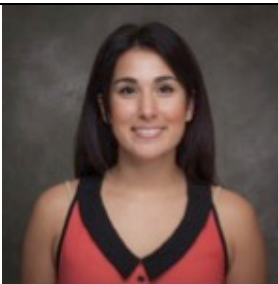
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**Miriam Monahan, PhD, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner, driving school instructor, and certified driving rehabilitation specialist. She has over 18 years of experience in driving rehabilitation, and is recognized for her clinical and behind-the-wheel evaluation and intervention skills. She is founder of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Driver Rehabilitation Institute. She has served as a consultant on numerous federal projects, and lectures extensively on topics related to driver rehabilitation and community mobility. Monahan is internationally recognized for program development in driving and community mobility for teens with special needs and has co-authored numerous publications in this area.

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**Lia Montoya, OTS**, is a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy student at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California, and is the Assembly of Student Delegate Representative for the Stanbridge Student Occupational Therapy Association. She has achieved a 4.0 GPA in five completed terms at Stanbridge University and is currently completing her FWIIa. During two years as an undergraduate at San Diego State University she worked as caretaker for a man with quadriplegia and has volunteered at several hospitals and rehab centers assisting occupational therapists. As a future occupational therapy practitioner, Montoya is passionate about empowering individuals to reach their therapeutic goals.

***Session 12 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am***

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**Patricia S. Nagaishi, PhD, MA, OTR/L**, has 30 plus years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner with expertise in early intervention, evaluation, and assessment of young children, autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities, sensory processing/self-regulation, and infant and early childhood mental health. She has worked in medical and community-based settings, and also has extensive knowledge of interdisciplinary assessment and training; evidence-based interventions; and the multiple California systems serving children and youth, as well as the laws and regulations under which these systems operate and affect occupational therapy practice, service delivery, and reimbursement. Currently, Nagaishi is in school-based practice as an occupational therapy specialist with the Preschool Assessment Team in the Pasadena Unified School District. Nagaishi recently completed two terms (2012-2016) as president of the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) and continues to chair the Autism Subcommittee of the OTAC Practice, Ethics & Reimbursement Committee. She also continues to work with the School-Based OT Subcommittee on an initiative for a credentialing process for occupational therapists and physical therapists in California public schools.

***Session 14 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 12:00pm***



**Alexandria Nicks, M.S. CCC-SLP**, is a pediatric speech and language pathologist therapist at Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare, specializing in the areas of early language development, hearing loss, autism spectrum disorder, and bilingual language disorders.

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**Alex Nishi, OTD, OTR/L**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California with a joint appointment with the Keck School of Medicine at USC. She serves as an appointed faculty at USC's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where she provides occupational therapy services and consultation for children with developmental disabilities and mental health disorders. Nishi provides occupational therapy consultation as part of an interdisciplinary team during medication management appointments. She serves on several interdisciplinary teams that provide family-centered and culturally relevant services to underserved populations.

***Session 21 – March 4, 2017 – 1:30pm - 3:00pm***

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**Mark Petersen, OTD, OTR/L**, is currently a member of the MSOT faculty at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California, where he teaches coursework in foundational occupational therapy, kinesiology, ethics, and pediatrics. Petersen received his Master of Arts in occupational therapy in 2009 and his Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) in 2010 from the University of Southern California. His OTD project focused on establishing a low vision outpatient program at Keck Hospital of USC. He is also a faculty advisor for a community program with Life College, a school for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder; where he manages the collaboration between Stanbridge University MSOT students and Life College students. Prior to joining Stanbridge University, he spent many years managing and practicing in an outpatient pediatric clinic and is SIPT certified.

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**Deborah Pitts, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, CPRP**, is an assistant professor at USC's Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, is an expert in mental health practice, and has chaired and/or served on AOTA's MHSIS, Board Certification in Mental Health workgroup, and mental health practice ad hoc work groups. She received OTAC 2011 Practice Award for her advocacy of occupational therapy in mental health and currently chairs the OTAC Ad Hoc Committee on Occupational Therapists as Licensed Mental Health Professionals.

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**Jaelyn Pociask, MS, OTR/L, CBIS, SWC, CYT, CPMT**, works at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and St. John's Hospital in the acute care setting. She works with a spectrum of patients from infants to the geriatric population. Pociask co-developed a lifestyle-based program for adolescents with cystic fibrosis, implementing yoga-based breath work and movement. She completed her registered yoga teacher certification in 2009. She utilizes yoga-based techniques for increased breath support, regulation of heart rate, core stabilization, overall focus and mental well-being. Pociask believes there are many beneficial ways to incorporate yoga into occupational therapy treatment.

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**Kathryn Powell, MPhil, MAMFT, OT/S**, is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy at Stanbridge University. She holds a master's in marriage and family therapy from Indiana Wesleyan University. Her professional background includes counseling and education and areas of interest in occupational therapy include physical disabilities and pelvic floor rehabilitation.

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**Holly Eck Reed, EdD, MA, OTR/L**, joined the occupational therapy faculty at the University of St. Augustine in November 2011 as the academic fieldwork coordinator. Reed completed her doctorate in educational leadership at San Diego State University in December 2014, with dissertation research on the use of simulation as an alternative to level I fieldwork for occupational therapy students. She received her Master of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California in 1999 and her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Arizona State University in 1997. Her clinical practice focuses on adolescents in transition to adulthood. She maintains a part-time clinical practice at a non-public high school. At University of St. Augustine, Reed teaches courses in foundations of occupational therapy and clinical reasoning, as well as being the coordinator for all fieldwork placements and coursework for the California campus.

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**Tammy Richmond, MS, OTRL, FAOTA** is an occupational therapy practitioner and exercise physiologist and CEO of Go 2 Care, Inc., an online telehealth company that provides consultation and virtual physical and occupational therapy services. She serves as the chair for the Telerehabilitation Special Interest Group at the American Telemedicine Association (ATA); telehealth content expert for the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), the Practice, Policy and Reimbursement Committee at the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC), and the American Medical Association (AMA) Telehealth Coding Workgroup. Richmond has authored multiple publications on various aspects of clinical practice, management and telehealth.

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**Janice Rocker, OTD, OTR/L, CHT**, received her clinical doctorate of occupational therapy from USC in 2014, her master's in occupational therapy from Boston University in 1985, and passed the Hand Therapy Certification exam when it was first offered in 1991. In 2005 she became a Certified Structural Yoga Therapist in order to help her clients manage stress and pain due to injury or degenerative conditions. Rocker has taught seminars on the following: wound healing, custom static and dynamic orthotic fabrication, ergonomics, physical agent modalities, joint protection, cumulative trauma, body mechanics and hand/upper extremity rehabilitation. She currently works in a hospital based outpatient orthopedic hand clinic at Keck Medical Center of USC and is Instructor of Clinical Occupational Therapy at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy.

**Session 18 – March 4, 2017 – 10:00am - 12:00pm**



**Lisa D. Rodriguez, OTR/L, RAC-CT**, has over 30 years of experience working with Therapy Specialists, a California-based contract rehabilitation company, providing occupational therapy in adult settings, including skilled nursing facilities, assisted and independent living, acute care, outpatient, and adult day health care. In her current role as vice president of clinical operations, Rodriguez is responsible for the management of day-to-day operations for the senior service division, and for the clinical training and development of the therapists. Rodriguez has presented at Leading Age, California Association of Health Facilities, the Occupational Therapy Association of California, and the American Occupational Therapy Association, on topics such as: *Partnering with Managed Care, Preventing Hospital Readmissions, Strategic Positioning of your Skilled Nursing Facility in a Challenging Economy, Dementia Care: Developing Approaches, Driving Fitness, and Use of Technology with Today's Seniors.*

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**Heather Roese, OTD, OTR/L**

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**Joshua Sapad, OTR/L**, is currently pursuing his Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree at USC's Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. He is a recent graduate of the Division's master's program, and is now participating in his doctoral residency at the JWCH Center for Community Health in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles.

*Session 62 – March 5, 2017 – 2:45pm - 4:45pm*



**Brandon Seigel, Executive Director, Every Child Achieves**, brings over 12 years of experience supporting entrepreneurs in creating strategies for improving profitability while empowering a workforce. Seigel is currently the executive director for Every Child Achieves where he oversees creating strategic growth for the company in an ever-changing healthcare environment while empowering a new company culture to support a multi-generation team.

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**Vikas Sharma, OTD, OTR/L**, is a full-time instructor for Master in Occupational Therapy students at Stanbridge University, Irvine, California. He has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 22 years with most of his experience in geriatric settings, treating people with mental conditions such as schizophrenia. After completing his occupational therapy doctorate program in 2015, he made a major transition by changing from his longtime director of rehabilitation position into a full-time academic, which is his passion. At the 2015 AOTA conference, he presented a poster based on his doctorate project titled “Use of Relaxation Training in Decreasing Anxiety in People with Schizophrenia.” He also has been serving as a thesis advisor for students who are researching mental health conditions.

*Session 52 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm*



**Jennifer Snyder, MPH, OTAC lobbyist**, is a partner in Capitol Advocacy, LLC, one of Sacramento's premier lobbying firms. She has 20 years of legislative and advocacy experience with an emphasis on health and human services issues in California. She has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public health administration. Snyder's legislative career was spent in the California State Senate for five years as a legislative consultant specializing in health and education issues. She then served as the legislative director for the California Association of Health Facilities and the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. In 2000, she was hired by the

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California Hospital Association to spearhead their psychiatric hospital advocacy program. Snyder joined Capitol Advocacy in 2003, and became a partner in 2006. She has since worked with a broad range of clients on a wide array of issues in the legislative, administrative, and regulatory settings.

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**Alexis Sobel, MS, OTR/L**, has helped over 8,500 individuals break down the barriers to access meaningful life occupations within various settings of travel assigned contracts, as well as the acute care hospital setting. Sobel primarily focuses on client advocacy, educating the community on what occupational therapy offers and how that maximizes and sustains life occupation accessibility. Currently she mentors occupational therapy students, new graduates, and practitioners across the globe via live video broadcasting and utilizes social media to spread the word of service in order to maximize each occupational therapy practitioner's fullest potential in practice. Current and future projects include providing tools and systems online for supporting practitioner growth and progressive development of online PDU courses. Sobel's goal with online courses is to fill in the gaps in education, address relevant dilemmas faced by practitioners, and facilitate growth in confidence throughout a practitioner's journey.

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**Patrice Sovyak, OTR/L**, has been the program director of several community based mental health programs for over 15 years. Currently she is director of community services for Front Street, Inc. and has supervised a housing support program. She participated in the TIC Learning Community with the National Council for Behavioral Health in 2014.

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**Penny Stack, OTD, OTR/L**, is the founding owner of Dyslexia Center of Tulsa, located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has over 26 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner that include working with children who have special learning needs. Stack is also a mother of a child with dyslexia who has shown great success in overcoming reading difficulties. She is certified in Handwriting Without Tears, received her doctorate degree in occupational therapy from Loma Linda University and a master's in occupational therapy at Samuel Merritt College. Stack has dedicated her research to dyslexia and its impact on occupation: the lived experience.

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**Shelby Surfas, OTD, OTR/L**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy, joint appointment with the Keck School of Medicine, and director and program area lead of occupational therapy at the USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Surfas has experience presenting at national and state conferences on the topic of interdisciplinary care with an emphasis on the area of outpatient pediatric mental health settings. She provides continuing education to a variety of multidisciplinary audiences in the areas of pediatrics, sensory integration, neuromotor disabilities, autism disorders and leadership education. Surfas holds leadership positions across interdisciplinary teams providing mental health support for underserved and culturally diverse populations.

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**Daniel Swiatek, OTR/L**, serves as regional clinical director for Genesis Rehab Services in Southern California where he provides clinical and operational support to over 40 facilities. Swiatek has been an occupational therapy practitioner for 19 years and is pursuing a clinical doctorate in occupational therapy. His practice settings have included acute, home health, and skilled nursing. He has been an active presenter at state and national conferences.

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**Jayne Taguchi Meyer, OTD, OTR/L**

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**Cherie Tang, OTS**, is currently working on her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy at Stanbridge University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and social behavior with a minor in educational studies at University of California, Irvine in 2011. In her undergraduate years, she provided direct services to children as a mentor, a behavior interventionist, and an academic tutor. She has since expanded her knowledge of care to older adults after volunteering for the therapy department at one of Ensign's skilled nursing facilities, Mission Care Center (MCC). Tang continues to be a part of MCC, demonstrating outstanding quality of service which earned her Employee of the Month recognition both as rehab aide and medical

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records assistant. Through her experiences, she has built an eclectic base of knowledge in working with individuals from age three to 100 as well as individuals from different backgrounds and healthcare disciplines. Her interest in fitness and physical disabilities led her to focus her thesis research in developing a kinesio tape methodology to facilitate occupational performance in individuals experiencing upper extremity pain.

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**Melissa Toporek, OTD, OTR/L, BCP**, is board certified in pediatrics by the American Occupational Therapy Association. She received her degrees in occupational therapy from Medical College of Georgia and Rocky Mountain University. She has experience in early intervention, school based practice, clinic based services, and residential setting for medically fragile children. Additionally, she has worked in a variety of international settings including Israel, Ethiopia, and Zambia serving children and families in community and education based settings through direct care, program development, and staff training. Toporek is a certified DIR/Floortime practitioner and lectures on culture and occupational therapy. She is an adjunct professor at Stanbridge University in California.

***Session 51 – March 5, 2017 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm***

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**Emily Vigneault, OTS**, is a graduate student at Stanbridge University studying occupational therapy. She previously attended California State University Long Beach, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in human development. She is currently completing her first Level II Fieldwork rotation at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles. When she graduates she is hoping to work in a hospital based setting.

***Session 10 – March 4, 2017 – 8:45am - 9:45am***

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**Tiffani Washburn, OTS**, is a Master of Science Occupational Therapy student at Stanbridge University, and has been awarded with the Dean's List honors from 2015 to 2016. Her experience in pediatric applied behavior analysis has propelled her to be an advocate for people with autism spectrum disorders.

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**Lacy Wright, MS, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner at Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare specializing in working with students on the Autism Spectrum and sensory processing disorders. She particularly enjoys working with older students in transition programs and mentoring occupational therapy fieldwork students.

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**Lisa Youngblood, MS, CCC-SLP**, is a pediatric speech and language pathologist at Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare, specializing in working with children on the Autism Spectrum with moderate to severe disabilities. She enjoys working with children with alternative augmentative communication needs.

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